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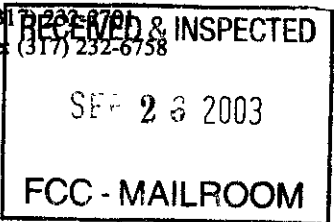


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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Certification of Rural Indiana Carriers Pursuant to § 254(e)
and the FCC's Order in CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Flannery and Ms. Salas:

In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's May 23, 2001 Order¹ (the "RTF Order"), this letter is intended to communicate to you the names of those Indiana carriers that have been certified by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC") to receive federal support for calendar year 2004.

In an IURC Order issued on August 22, 2001 in Cause Nos. 42067/40785, the IURC prescribed forms to be completed and procedures to be followed by rural carriers seeking IURC certification. The forms were amended this year pursuant to a Docket Entry issued on June 18, 2003 (a copy of which is enclosed with this letter). Based upon completed applications that have been received this year, the IURC issued an Order on September 17, 2003 in Cause No. 42067

¹ FCC's Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, dated May 23, 2001

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identifying Indiana carriers that have satisfied the certification criteria established by the IURC's August 22, 2001 Order and the June 18, 2003 Docket Entry.

Based on the IURC's September 17, 2003 Order, and on behalf of the IURC, I now certify to the FCC and USAC that all entities listed in Attachment A to this letter will be using federal support (which includes high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254 (e) of the Communications Act.

If you require further assistance, please call me at (317) 232-2716.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy E. Manley", written in a cursive style.

Nancy E. Manley
Secretary to the Commission

Encl: Attachment A: List of certified carriers
IURC Order in Cause No. 42067, dated September 17, 2003.
June 18, 2003 Docket Entry

cc: All certified Indiana carriers
Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

**RURAL CARRIER CERTIFICATION
CAUSE NO. 42067**

Utility Name	Subdockets
Bloomington Home Telephone Co	HLS-8
Camden Telephone Co	HLS-7
Century Telephone of Central Indiana	HLS-9
Century Telephone of Odon Inc	HLS-10
Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company	N/A
Citizens Telephone Corp	HLS-11
Clay Co. Rural Telephone Co-op	HLS-12
Communications Corp	HLS-3
Communications Corp of Southern Indiana	HLS-4
Craigville Telephone Co	HLS-13
Daviess-Martin Telephone	HLS-30
Frontier Communications of Indiana	HLS-14
Frontier Communications of Thorntown	HLS-15
Geetingsville Telephone Co	HLS-16
GTE North Inc including Contel of Indiana Inc & Contel of the South Inc d/b/a GTE Systems of Indiana formerly Alltel Indiana Inc	HLS-40
Hancock-Rural Telephone Corp	HLS-33
Home Telephone Co	HLS-6
Home Telephone of Pittsboro	HLS-5
Indiana Bell Telephone Co Inc d/b/a Ameritech Indiana	N/A
Ligonier Telephone	HLS-29
Merchants & Farmers Telephone Co Inc	HLS-36
Monon Telephone Co	HLS-17
Mulberry Cooperative Telephone	HLS-18
New Lisbon Telephone Co, Inc	HLS-19
New Paris Telephone Inc	HLS-31
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Perry-Spencer Rural Telephone Co-op Inc	HLS-32
Pulaski-White Rural Telephone Co-op	HLS-20
Rochester Telephone Co Inc	HLS-35
S&W Telephone Co, Inc	HLS-21
Smithville Telephone	HLS-1
Southeastern Indiana Rural Telephone	HLS-22
Sunman Telecommunications Corp	HLS-23
Swayzee Telephone Co	HLS-24
Sweetser Telephone Co	HLS-25
Tipton Telephone	HLS-2
Tri-County Telephone Co Inc	HLS-34
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ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE FEDERAL HIGH-COST)
UNIVERSAL SUPPORT, PURSUANT TO THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996, THE)
FCC'S MAY 23, 2001 ORDER, AND OTHER)
RELATED FCC ORDERS.)

CAUSE NO. 42067

APPROVED: SEP 17 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

Gregory S. Colton, Administrative Law Judge

On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission issued an Order¹ ("the FCC's RTF Order") assigning to state commissions the responsibility of certifying whether rural carriers are using federal high-cost support in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Pursuant to Section 254(e), carriers must use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." The FCC's RTF Order provided that state certifications should be submitted by October 1 each year for payments to be made during the following calendar year. If a rural carrier is not certified by its state commission, it will not receive federal high-cost support.

In order to carry out the FCC's directive, this Commission issued a consolidated order in this Cause and Cause No. 40785 prescribing forms to be filled out and procedures to be followed by those rural carriers seeking certification. Upon reviewing the applications submitted by rural carriers seeking certification, the Commission issued orders in this Cause on September 26, 2001 and September 11, 2002 certifying the eligibility of Indiana rural carriers to receive federal high-cost support.

In a June 18, 2003 docket entry issued in this Cause and Cause No. 40785, the Commission amended the form to be filled out by carriers seeking certification. All eligible Indiana carriers receiving federal support have submitted completed applications seeking re-certification for the 2004 calendar year.

Upon reviewing the completed applications, the Commission now finds that all applications that have been submitted demonstrate the requisite compliance with the requirements of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as interpreted by the FCC's RTF Order and this Commission's August 22, 2001 Order. More specifically, based on the completed applications, we find that all entities listed in Attachment A to this Order will be

¹ In the Matter of Federal-State Board on Universal Service and the MAG Plan, Fourteenth Report and Order, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256

using federal high-cost support (which includes high-cost loop support, local switching support, high-cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high-cost model support, and hold harmless support) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254 (e) of the Communications Act.

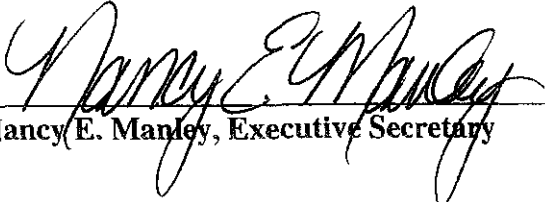
In accordance with the FCC's RTF Order, we direct the Commission's Secretary to inform the Universal Services Administrative Company ("USAC") and the FCC that this Commission has certified that the carriers identified in Attachment A to this Order have met the requirements of Section 254(e) and the FCC's RTF Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

- 1 The Indiana carriers identified in Attachment A to this Order shall be, and hereby are, certified by this Commission as having satisfied the requirements of Section 254(e) and the FCC's RTF Order.
2. The Commission's Secretary shall inform the FCC and USAC by October 1, 2003 that the aforementioned Indiana carriers have been so certified.
3. The Commission's Secretary shall forward a copy of this Order to all carriers identified in Attachment A.
- 4 This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

MCCARTY, HADLEY, LANDIS, RIPLEY AND ZIEGNER CONCUR:
APPROVED:

I hereby certify that the above is a true
and correct copy of the Order as approved.

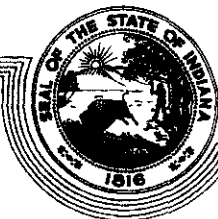


Nancy E. Manley, Executive Secretary

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MECHANISMS RELATIVE TO TELEPHONE AND)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN)
THE STATE OF INDIANA PURSUANT TO: IC 8-1-2-)
51, 58, 59, 69; 8-1-2.6 ET SEQ., AND OTHER)
RELATED STATE STATUTES, AS WELL AS THE)
FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT)
OF 1996 (47 U.S.C. SEC. 151, ET SEQ.).)

CAUSE NO. 40785

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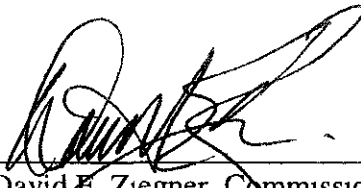
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You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has caused the following entry to be made

On August 22, 2001, the Commission issued a consolidated Order in these two Causes requiring all rural carriers seeking to qualify for federal universal service funding to annually submit a form that was attached to the Order as Attachment B. In light of the establishment of a new federal support mechanism, the intrastate common line support ("ICLS"), the Commission has revised Attachment B to reflect that change. Therefore, the presiding officers now find that all eligible telecommunications carriers seeking recertification for federal universal service support should submit the revised Attachment B, a copy of which is attached to this docket entry, by July 15th of this year and by July 15th for each successive year preceding the calendar year in which federal funds are to be disbursed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

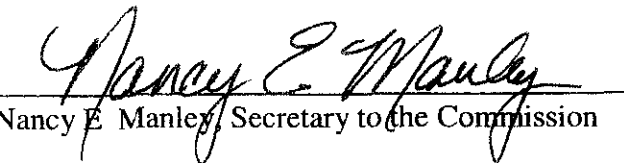
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David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

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Gregory S. Colton, Administrative Law Judge

Dated. 6/18/03

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Nancy E. Manley, Secretary to the Commission

(Revised 6/18/03)

**High Cost Universal Service Funding Certification
For All Eligible Rural Telecommunications Carriers
IURC Cause No. 42067**

Each rural carrier is required to complete this form in order to receive certification by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission that the carrier is eligible to receive federal high-cost loop support. If a particular question does not apply, simply mark it "N/A." If you need to attach additional sheets, please do so. If you have any questions, please call the Telecommunications Division at 317-232-2785

Carrier Name: _____

Study Area Code _____

IURC Cause No.: 42067-HLS-_____

Carrier Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____ **FAX:** _____

1. With regard to your Study Area¹ please provide the following information, using the most current year-end financial statements (preferably audited):

Federal Loop Support:	\$ _____
Federal Switching Support:	\$ _____
Federal Interstate Common Line Support:	\$ _____
Total Federal Support ² :	\$ _____
Total SLC Revenues:	\$ _____
Total Common Line Costs	\$ _____

2. Do you expect the amount of Federal Universal Service funding you will receive in the coming year to change by a significant amount from prior years? If yes, please estimate how much more or less you will be receiving, and explain the reason for the change (if you know).

3. Explain how your company plans to use federal universal service funds it will receive in the coming calendar year. Indicate below how those funds will be applied to provision, maintain, and upgrade eligible facilities and services.

Provision:	\$ _____
Maintenance:	\$ _____
Upgrade:	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

¹ Study area refers to the geographic area established by a State Commission for the purpose of determining universal service obligations and support mechanisms according to § 214(e)(5)

² To calculate Total Federal Support, add the values from loop, switching and ICLS support

Please describe any upgrade projects that are being funded with federal universal service funds:

4. Describe the level of access to advanced services presently available to your customers³. Information can include but is not limited to digitized central offices, packet switching, DSLAM equipment, and high-speed asymmetric DSL lines.

5. What future infrastructure investments, if any, are planned to enhance customer access to advanced services?

³ *In the Matter of Federal-State Board on Universal Service and the MAG Plan, Fourteenth Report and Order*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256 at Paragraphs 200-201. The FCC Order appears to encourage the use of federal high-cost loop support for the deployment of equipment capable of providing access to advanced services.

6. Please identify any competitive eligible telecommunications communications carriers operating in your study area, and if you are receiving access revenue from them, how much.

7. Do you have any Special Access surcharge revenues? If so, please identify the annual amount of revenue received for the reporting period.